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SUBJECT: GOS INTEREST IN WESTERN AIRLINES AIRCRAFT FOR
SALE

REFS: A. STATE CA-1543, B. MBABANE 0630 (NOTAL)

1. GOS CHIEF CIVIL AVIATION, WHO IN PROCESS PREPARING
CABINET PAPER FOR APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL
AIRLINE (REF B), HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WESTERN
AIRLINES BOEING MODEL 720B PASSENGER AIRCRAFT OFFERED
FOR SALE IN REF A. IN ORDER INCLUDE WESTERN AS ONE OF
ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED IN CABINET PAPER,
GOS HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING:

(A) COST OF AIRCRAFT AND SPARES

(B) INDICATION OF ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS, PLUS
ANY ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT PLANE MAY REQUIRE

(C) BALLPARK ESTIMATE FOR PROVISION OF GROUND AND
AIR CREW AS OFFERED REPAIRGRAM

(D) INDICATION WHAT TYPE MAINTENANCE COULD BE
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PERFORMED LOCALLY OR WHETHER AIRCRAFT MUST BE RETURNED

USA FOR SERVICE, AND AT WHAT INTERVALS.

2. AS WRITING OF CABINET PAPER TO BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK, REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE, EVEN IF INCOMPLETE. BY APRIL 18.

3. FYI: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM GOS CHIEF CIVIL AVIATION (HAYES, ICAO) THAT BOEING 720 B, OPERATED UNDER MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN COMPANY, IS HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE AND IS OPTION WHICH HE INTENDS ENCOURAGING WITH GOS. END FYI.
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